

haul and do the other necessary labor incident to robbing the earth of her hidden treasures, but it is generally thought there will be an advance in wages all along the line very soon. As it is the oil people are a well paid class, the average monthly wages being \$35, making a total of \$150,000 paid out in this field as wages every month, exclusive of superintendents, office men, etc.

The INTELLIGENCER correspondent asked a prominent oil well supply man this afternoon as to the probability of the advance in oil and consequent increased demand for supplies advancing the price of his line. He replied that he had no intimation that there would be a concerted advance in material, except that the pipe manufacturers have advanced the cost of pipe so that now it costs the oil operator one to two cents more per foot than it did before the boom set in a few days ago. Outside of this there has been no advance in material, and no intimation of a future advance.

The average cost of putting down a well in this field ready to commence pumping has been \$5,000, which compares favorably with the cost of doing the same work in other deep territory. The well can be dug and equipped one-half cheaper in this field than at Mannington. In the McDonald (Pa.) field the cost of putting down the well is about the same as in the Sistersville field. Lima (Ohio) is in the shallow field where the well is put down at an expenditure of only \$1,500 or \$2,000. A few dry holes, it will be seen, will not add volume to a man's pocket-book or bank account.

PUMPING STATION.

One of the finest pumping stations to be seen anywhere is located here, that of the Eureka Pipe Line. The Eureka's tanks hold 90,000 barrels and with a daily production of 15,000 barrels the pumping has to be kept up night and day to keep the tanks from overflowing. The capacity of the station is 550 barrels per hour. The oil is forced to another station at Mannington, thence to Morgantown and on through Pennsylvania to Point Breeze, below Philadelphia, where the Standard's big refining and exporting establishment is located. The station's equipment is very fine and complete, one immense pumping engine being held constantly in reserve in case of an accident to the one regularly in use. The plant is in charge of Engineer J. F. Neill.

Development is going on at a rapid rate down at Friendly and Davenport, a few miles below here, also at St. Mary's, W. Va., and Newport, Ohio, where several good producing wells have lately come in. This afternoon the report comes in somewhat indefinite shape that there is much excitement at Marietta over late developments there. The report has it that oil was struck a surprisingly short distance below the surface.

ABOUT WHEELING PEOPLE.

Mr. Harry W. McClure, of Wheeling, was here this afternoon, en route home from Friendly where he and other Wheeling people are at the head of the Talsman Oil Company. Mr. McClure feels much encouraged at the outlook. His company has two pumping wells which are producing forty-five barrels per day, and two others are now being put down. He says the result of the drilling at Davenport, just above Friendly, is quite encouraging, and it is thought that the production in that vicinity will reach big figures very soon.

Locally the most notable deal during the late speculative boom was the sale of 20,000 barrels of petroleum by Mr. J. B. McCoy, of this place, who sold while the ruling quotation was \$2.60. He was about the only owner of oil land hereabouts who had a large amount of oil, received from royalties, on hand at the time, and he profited when the grease was close to its speculative top-notch.

ABOVE SISTERSVILLE.

Great Activity Near Proctor, New Martinsville and Other Points.

Special from a Staff Correspondent.

SISTERSVILLE, April 23.—The oil developing fever is extending beyond former bounds and is now felt at Proctor, New Martinsville, Hannibal, Sardis and other points back of the river on both sides, above Sistersville.

At Proctor, three miles up the creek, Sims Brothers, of Pittsburgh, have a well, which is now doing fifty barrels a day, the only producer in that section. The same operators have another well now being drilled, two miles north of Proctor, which is expected to come in one day this week. Another well is being put down just east of the one just mentioned by the Sims people.

All about Proctor, New Martinsville, Hannibal, Sardis, Inersville and the other towns up the river, the lands are being leased and before the week is over everything in sight will be taken up. The farmers in that neighborhood are anxious and willing to lease for reasonable rental, though in some cases cash bonuses have been demanded and paid.

In Wetzel county, near New Martinsville, Carr Brothers have three wells being put down. Six miles back of New Martinsville one of these wells is located and is reported doing thirty barrels per day. The Carrs were working in a line north and south, but the indications are such that they are now developing their leased property east and west from the well already down. In this section, also, the farmers willingly execute leases and everybody seems to have faith in the territory back of New Martinsville.

Two miles above Hannibal, on the Ohio side, a well just put down is doing fifty barrels a day and the farmers in that neighborhood are greatly excited.

R. M. A.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

From Various Localities in Ohio Inspect the Elm Grove Motor Line.

T. D. Phelan, Huntington; C. E. Wilson, Elyria; C. L. Halladay, Huron; J. C. Parsons, Sandusky; J. C. Parker, Sand Hill; F. E. Griffin, Oberlin, and R. E. Brannon, Elyria, all of Ohio cities, arrived here yesterday to inspect the Wheeling and Elm Grove motor line with reference to the introduction of the same class of service through the several counties of which they are commissioners. They were in charge of Civil Engineer Leonard, who has projected the proposed road in Ohio, which is forty miles in length. They were taken over the motor line to the Park, where they were handsomely entertained. Their object was to see the effect of the motor on horses that were unfamiliar with such objects, and its relative safety to ordinary country traffic.

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BUILDING INSPECTOR.

A Number of Propositions are Under Consideration.

AN ORDINANCE TO BE SUBMITTED

With the Approval of the Board of Public Works, Making a General Change as to the City Engineer—All who are Directly Interested Seem to Want an Inspector—The Ordinance Committee will Wrestle with the Matter.

It seems to be the opinion of contractors and workmen in the building trades alike that there should be a building inspector in Wheeling. The Builders' Exchange tried to secure the passage of a law providing for one a year or two ago, and a few weeks ago the bricklayers' union presented a petition to council asking for similar action. Nothing was done, but the Main street disaster, two weeks ago, impressed on everybody's mind the importance of such protection as a rigid system of building inspection would afford. Last night several petitions were presented to council asking that such an ordinance be passed as would meet the case. The board of public works also presented a communication bearing on the subject, and with it an ordinance, providing for a system of building inspection and also making decided changes in the ordinances in reference to the city engineer. All the propositions bearing on this subject were referred to the committee on ordinances.

The measure proposed by the board of public works is called "An ordinance to provide regulations governing the erection of buildings in the city of Wheeling." It provides that before any new building or alteration of an old one is begun, a description of it shall be furnished the city engineer, covering the mode of construction and materials. The city engineer is required to inspect all buildings, and if he deems it necessary for the public safety to order a change of method or material, is empowered to do so.

One clause of the proposed ordinance provides that "Any wooden building already constructed in the fire limits which may hereafter be damaged may be repaired, provided the building was a good, sound one previous to said damage, and provided that it is not more than half destroyed, exclusive of the foundation." The city engineer shall determine the amount and extent of the damage.

The ordinance contains also definitions of all technical terms used in it, and a diagram accompanying gives the required dimensions of walls for buildings of certain heights, and the maximum burden for all sorts and sizes of foundations is prescribed. For all buildings over three and a half stories high cement-mortar is required, and for all others good mortar.

No brick house may be enlarged or altered until brought within the requirements of this law. All constructive frame work and casings are required to be of iron if more than half the area of a wall is taken up by them, and no wood lintels or beams of over six foot span are allowed. Where stone facings are put on walls they must have a bond running through the wall at least once in every square yard.

The provisions of the ordinance cover all sorts of foundations, walls, chimneys, joists, furnaces and anything that enters into the construction of a house. A penalty of \$500 fine is fixed for any violation of the provisions of the ordinance.

The board asks that it be allowed to fix the engineer's compensation. The idea of the members is to have the engineer turn all fees which he now receives into the city treasury and to pay him a salary.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

Mr. Ernst Marschner left yesterday for Fostoria on business.

L. J. Bonar, of Mansfield, O., registered at the McClure yesterday.

J. Burton Jones, of the Pittsburgh Dispatch, was in the city yesterday.

Joseph Enshager, of Mannington, W. Va., was a McClure house guest yesterday.

Mr. A. G. Frohne is off on a trip in the interests of the United States Glass Company.

Mr. Louis Haller, jr., will leave Wheeling today, to make his future home in St. Louis.

Rev. Father Mauritia, of St. Alphonsus church, was down at Moundsville yesterday.

Capt. B. E. Davener and wife returned last evening from a short trip to Pittsburgh.

Mary Spriggs has been appointed postmistress at Triadelphia, vice Emma Vance, deceased.

Mrs. G. Graham and Mrs. C. Thistle, of Sistersville, autographed at the Behler yesterday.

Miss Katie Brunck, of St. Louis, who came here to attend the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Haller, will leave

for home to-day, stopping en route at Indianapolis a few days.

Mrs. Carl Drumm, of Pittsburgh, is the guest of the family of Mr. Kronjaeger, of North Wheeling.

Mr. Killian Bader, who has been confined to his room for several weeks by illness, is able to be out.

Mr. Albert Fisher was receiving congratulations from his friends on the arrival of a fine girl baby at his home.

Mr. August Rolf has received the sad news of the death of his brother, Conrad, in Hanover. He was seventy-five years of age, and a very successful business man.

R. B. Harding, of Huntington, W. Va.; Joel Buckworth, of Freeport, W. Va.; F. A. Priehard, of Mannington, W. Va., were the West Virginians at the Windsor yesterday.

Dr. S. M. Richardson, of Matamoras, O.; R. J. Jackson, of Fairmont; the Misses Roomer, of Sistersville, and Joseph Hartman, of Mannington, were registered at the Stamm yesterday.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

At Rice's School House—Rewards of Merit Made to Pupils.

One of the most pleasant occasions that ever occurred at Rice's school house, Liberty district, took place yesterday, being the annual exhibition following the examination exercises. The school room was crowded with the parents and friends of the pupils, and the teacher, Miss Nannie M. Blaney, has reason to congratulate herself on her success in the management of the school, this being her first term as instructor in that locality. The total enrollment for the term was forty pupils. At the close of the exercises Miss Blaney delivered an excellent address, which made a most favorable impression on her hearers.

By no means the least pleasant feature of the affair was the appetizing dinner that was spread on the school house lawn, and to which every person did full justice.

The programme rendered was enlivened by several musical numbers from Prof. William Gibson's band, of West Alexander, Pa. The entertainment given by the pupils consisted of recitations and dialogues, given in an exceptionally pleasing manner. Diplomas were awarded the following pupils for general excellence in school work: Messrs. Thomas M. Jones, Jr., Bruce B. Gibson, Ford Gibson, Thomas Hanna, George Mountz, Lloyd Mountz, Woods Thomas, and Misses Lillie Mountz, Jessie Davis, Maggie Murray, Ada Thomas and Edwina H. Jones.

Extra rewards of honor were given to the following: Thomas M. Jones, Jr., and Misses Lillie Mountz, Edwina H. Jones and Jessie Davis.

NOTES ON NAVIGATION.

Stage of Water and Movements of Boats. The River Interests.

The Bedford left yesterday for Pittsburgh at 8 a. m.

The Keystone State was yesterday's packet for Cincinnati.

The local packets arrived and departed on time yesterday.

The Ben Hur is scheduled to leave for Pittsburgh at 8 a. m. to-day.

The marks at the landing last evening indicated 7 feet 6 inches and falling.

The Hudson, from Cincinnati for Pittsburgh, passed up at noon yesterday.

The Lizzie Bay will leave at 6 a. m. to-day for Charleston and intermediate points.

The Charles Hook passed up yesterday afternoon with an immense tow of empties.

The present trip will be the last one for the Carrollton, which took the place of the burned Iron Queen in the Pittsburgh and Cincinnati trade.

The Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph has the following which will be of interest to river men: The libel suit in admiralty filed by Dr. Anshutz and D. A. McDonald, jr., against the steamboat Seven Sons, C. W. Posey, et al., owners, has been dismissed by Judge Buffington. The action was for wages alleged to be due. Anshutz and McDonald had hired November 28, 1894, as pilot and assistant pilot respectively, to make a trip from Pittsburgh to Cincinnati and return on the next rise in the river. Anshutz to receive \$125 and McDonald \$100, the former receiving \$15 on account. The rise came, but the trip was abandoned. The boat went to Stouboville and the pilots refused to make the trip unless they were paid at the rate they would have received if the boat had gone to Cincinnati.

Morgantown—River 7 feet and stationary. Weather clear and warm.

Greensboro—River 8 feet and falling. Weather fair and warm.

Warren—River 2 feet and falling. Weather fair and cool.

Oil City—River 3 feet 6 inches and falling. Weather clear and cool.

Steubenville—River 10 feet and falling. Weather clear and cool.

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5 lbs. Carolina Rice.....	25c
5 lbs. Tapioca.....	25c
5 lbs. best Ketchup.....	25c
3 bottles Pickles.....	25c
Choice Cal. Evap. Peaches, per lb.....	10c
Choice Cal. Evap. Apricots, per lb.....	10c
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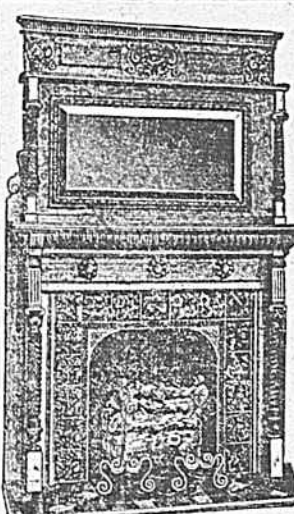
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